

Dept. of Agriculture Promotion Board Grants for Review

1. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

Grantee: Clean Fuels Alliance America
605 Clark Ave., P.O. Box 104898
Jefferson City, MO 65110

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$20,000
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: This grant is to increase the education and marketing of biodiesel products derived from soybeans and to expand available markets for soy-based biodiesel.

2. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

Grantee: American Soybean Association
12647 Olive Boulevard, Ste. 410
St. Louis, MO 63141

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$31,300
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: This grant is for membership dues and additional project funding for various projects to provide economic supports and analysis, leadership training in the soybean industry and other market activities.

3. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

Grantee: American Soybean Association – WISHH
12647 Olive Boulevard, Ste. 410
St. Louis, MO 63141

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$40,000
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: This grant is for expanding the U.S soybean markets beyond existing international markets to newly expanding and developing markets for the purpose of increasing exports of Arkansas and other State's soybean products via the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health.

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4. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

Grantee: Farm Bureau Foundation
P.O. Box 31
Little Rock, AR 72203

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$25,000
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: This grant is for an elementary grade level pilot program curriculum demonstrating the benefits and uses of soybeans and soybean products.

5. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

Grantee: United States Soybean Export Council
16305 Swingley Ridge Road, Ste. 200
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$35,000
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: This grant is for membership dues and additional project funding, leveraged with federal funding through ATP and FMP, to provide export market opportunities through a global network of international offices and strong support in the U.S to help build a preference for U.S. soybeans and soybean products for animal feeding, aquaculture, and human consumption.

6. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

Grantee: MidSouth Soybean Board
1501 N. Pierce, Ste. 100
Little Rock, AR 72207

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$20,339
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: This grant provides funding for MidSouth Soybean Board to conduct research projects in collaboration with Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana public researchers to enhance the soybean industry through research across the MidSouth region.

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7. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

Grantee: Arkansas Soybean Association – Grow for the Green
1501 N. Pierce, Ste. 100
Little Rock, AR 72207

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$206,900
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: To continue the Grow for the Green yield contest to promote and recognize soybean production excellence in Arkansas. It is administered through the Arkansas Soybean Association and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. The program aids producers to follow recommendations set forth by the University of Arkansas to help them maximize yield on entries in the program.

8. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Rice Research & Promotion Board

Grantee: The Rice Foundation
2101 Wilson Boulevard, Ste. 610
Arlington, VA 22201

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$35,000
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: To provide funding to aid in national and global rice research and promotion.

9. Agency: 9901 – Arkansas Rice Research & Promotion Board

Grantee: Farm Bureau Foundation
P.O. Box 31
Little Rock, AR 72203

Term: 5/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 Selection: Submitted Proposal
Cost: \$20,000
Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: This grant is for an elementary grade level pilot program curriculum demonstrating the benefits and uses of rice and rice products.

1. Agency: 0645 - Arkansas Department of Health
Division of: Administration
Branch: Arkansas Minority Health Commission
Section:

Grantee: New York Institute of Technology
P. O. Box 392
Old Westbury, NY 11568-0392

Term: 04/10/2025 to 06/30/2025
Cost: \$127,230.00
Funding Source: 100% State

Selection: Unsolicited Proposal
Agreement #: 4600055991

Purpose: Amendment #: Amount: \$
To support the Maternal Health Initiative which was established in response to alarming health disparities in the Arkansas Delta region, where maternal and infant mortality rates, significantly, exceed national averages and face barriers to achieving positive health outcomes due to limited knowledge about prenatal and postpartum care.

2. Agency: 0645 - Arkansas Department of Health
Division of: Health Advancement
Branch: Family Health
Section: Child Health

Grantee: Soundstart Arkansas Hands & Voices
P. O. Box 512
Conway, AR 72033-0512

Term: 04/10/2025 to 03/31/2026
Cost: \$157,883.00
Funding Source: 100% Federal

Selection: Unsolicited Proposal
Agreement #: 4600052303

Purpose: Amendment #: 03 Amount: \$ 46,690.00
Amend to add \$46,690.00 in funding to continue to assist in reducing the number of Arkansas Children diagnosed with hearing loss from becoming lost to follow up by connecting their families to accessible resources.

3. Agency: 0645 - Arkansas Department of Health
Division of: Health Advancement
Branch: Chronic Disease
Section: Cancer

Grantee: St. Bernard's Hospital Development Foundation
400 East Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401-2935

Term: 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026
Cost: \$391,980.07
Funding Source: 100% Federal

Selection: Request for Application
Agreement #: 4600045813

Purpose: Amendment #: 06 Amount: \$60,000.00
Amend to extend the ending date to 06/30/2026 and to add \$60,000.00 to continue to increase breast cancer screenings via mobile mammography during after-hours, weekend, and at worksite events/activities.

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4. Agency: 0645 - Arkansas Department of Health
Division of: Health Protection
Branch: Infectious Disease
Section: STI/HIV/Hep-C/TB

Grantee: ARcare
P. O. Box 497
Augusta, AR 72006-0497

Term: 05/01/2025 to 03/31/2026
Cost: \$7,247,000.00
Funding Source: 100% Federal

Selection: Request for Application
Agreement #: 4600052438

Purpose: Amendment #: 03 Amount: \$2,409,000.00
Amend to add \$2,409,000.00 in funding to continue to provide core medical and support services for HIV-infected individuals for the Ryan White Part B Services Access Center Program in Arkansas.

5. Agency: 0645 - Arkansas Department of Health
Division of: Health Protection
Branch: Infectious Disease
Section: STI/HIV/Hep-C/TB

Grantee: Northeast Arkansas Regional AIDS Network
Arkansas Supportive Services
P. O. Box 154
Jonesboro, AR 72043-0154

Term: 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2027
Cost: \$5,699,330.19
Funding Source: 100% Federal

Selection: Request for Application
Agreement #: 4600050875

Purpose: Amendment #: 04 Amount: \$ 1,409,703.00
Amend to extend the ending date to 06/3/2027 and to add \$1,409,703.00 in funding to continue to serve HIV positive individuals under the funding awarded by the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program by providing a collaborative process for linking eligible clients to appropriate HIV case management, care retention and advocacy for access to other wraparound services that meet holistic needs of persons living with HIV.

6. Agency: 0645 - Arkansas Department of Health
Division of: Local Public Health
Branch: Health Data and Analytics
Section:

Grantee: Arkansas Medical Society
P. O. Box 55088
Little Rock, AR 72215-5088

Term: 05/01/2025 to 04/30/2026
Cost: \$125,465.00
Funding Source: 100% Federal

Selection: Unsolicited Proposal
Agreement #: 4600056052

Purpose: Amendment #: Amount: \$
Arkansas Medical Society will partner with the Arkansas Department of Health to focus on efforts in the communities around the state are most in need of information and education related to overuse of antibiotics.

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1 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Professional Counseling Associates
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Term: 5/1/25 – 9/30/25

Selection: Request for Application

Cost: \$179,852.00

Sub-Grant # 4600054371

Fund Source: Federal – 100%

Purpose: **Amend. #:** A01 **Amend. Amt.:** \$52,000.00

Amend to add funds and increase Total Projected Cost to correct an administrative error to pay for past services for Rehab Day Services. Service Area: Statewide.

2 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas, Inc.
Harrison, Arkansas

Term: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$6,601,075.22

Sub-Grant # 4600054477

Fund Source: Federal – 67.319569%
State - 32.349917%
State Income Tax Checkoff and In God
We Trust License – 0.3305136%

Purpose: **Amend. #:** A03 **Amend. Amt.:** \$3,931.49

Amend to add funds and revise budget to continue this agreement that provides programs and services that improve the quality of life for older Arkansans and adults with disabilities through a variety of federal and state funded programs. Service Area: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carrol, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Washington Counties.

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3 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Central Arkansas Area on Aging dba CareLink
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Term: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$7,757,506.44

Sub-Grant # 4600054504

Fund Source: Federal – 69.08121%
State – 25.724024%
State Income Tax Checkoff and In God We Trust
License – 5.1947662%

Purpose: Amend to add funding, revise budget, and increase Total Projected Cost that provides programs and services that improve the quality of life for older Arkansans and adults with disabilities through a variety of federal and state funded programs. Service Area: Faulkner, Lonoke, Monroe, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline Counties.

Amend. #: A03

Amend. Amt.: \$2,812.57

4 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Area Agency on Aging of SE Arkansas
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Term: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$2,883,954.21

Sub-Grant # 4600054506

Fund Source: Federal – 58.346399%
State – 35.500272%
State Income Tax Checkoff and In God We Trust
License – 6.153329%

Purpose: Amend to revise Budget, add funding, and increase Total Projected Cost to continue this agreement that provides programs and services that improve the quality of life for older Arkansans and adults with disabilities through a variety of federal and state funded programs. Service Area: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln Counties.

Amend. #: A03

Amend. Amt.: \$2,190.60

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5 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Area Agency on Aging of West Central Arkansas
(The Senior Specialist)
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Term: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$4,614,195.14

Sub-Grant # 4600054507

Fund Source: Federal – 67.61977%
State – 27.490905%
State Income Tax Checkoff and In God We Trust License –
4.8893257%

Purpose: Amend. #: A03 Amend. Amt.: \$9,096.16

Amend to add funds and increase Total Projected Cost to continue a subgrant that provides programs and services that improve the quality of life for older Arkansans and adults with disabilities through a variety of federal and state funded programs. Service Area: Clark, Conway, Garland, Hot Spring, Johnson, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Polk, and Yell Counties.

6 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Area Agency on Aging of Western Arkansas, Inc.
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Term: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$3,130,183.90

Sub-Grant # 4600054508

Fund Source: Federal – 63.314331%
State – 30.885519%
State Income Tax Checkoff and In God We Trust License –
5.8001506%

Purpose: Amend. #: A03 Amend. Amt.: \$12,167.02

Amend to add funding, revise the Budget, and increase Total Projected Cost that provides programs and services that improve the quality of life for older Arkansans and adults with disabilities through a variety of federal and state funded programs. Service Area: Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, and Sebastian Counties.

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7 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Family Centered Treatment Foundation, Inc.
Charlotte, North Carolina

Term: 4/1/25 – 9/29/25

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Sub-Grant # 4600055844

Fund Source: Federal – 100%

Purpose:

Amend. #: N00

Amend. Amt.:

To initiate an agreement that would address the confluence of substance use, trauma, and child welfare. FCTF provides intensive in-home services to families going through addiction recovery and will adapt and implement the Family Centered Treatment Recovery®. Service Area: DAABHS Jurisdiction Area 6.

8 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Food Bank of North Central Arkansas
Mountain Home, Arkansas

Term: 5/1/25 – 9/30/25

Selection: Unsolicited Proposal

Cost: \$43,902.16

Sub-Grant # 4600056002

Fund Source: Federal – 100%

Purpose:

Amend. #: N00

Amend. Amt.:

Initiate an agreement with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas that will provide low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs at farmers markets and roadside stands. Service Area: Statewide.

9 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Aging Adults & Behavioral Health Services

Grantee: Northwest Arkansas Food Bank
Lowell, Arkansas

Term: 5/1/25 – 9/30/25

Selection: Unsolicited Proposal

Cost: \$43,902.16

Sub-Grant # 4600056008

Fund Source: Federal – 100%

Purpose:

Amend. #: N00

Amend. Amt.:

Initiate an agreement with the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank that will provide low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs at farmers markets and roadside stands. Service Area: Statewide.

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10 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of County Operations

Grantee: Women & Children First: The Center Against
Family Violence
Little Rock, Arkansas

Term: 10/1/24 - 6/30/25

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$417,295.24

Sub-Grant # 4600053475

Fund Source: Federal – 100%

Purpose:

Amend. #: A02

Amend. Amt.: \$51,842.89

Amend to extend and add funding to correct an administrative error for this subgrant operating services for women and families experiencing domestic abuse. Service Area: Pulaski County.

11 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of County Operations

Grantee: Shorter College
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Term: 4/15/25 – 9/30/25

Selection: Unsolicited Proposal

Cost: \$54,107.05

Sub-Grant # 4600055913

Fund Source: Federal – 100%

Purpose:

Amend. #: N00

Amend. Amt.:

Provide adult education and training programs to recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program including obtaining a GED and basic skills, English as a Second Language, job search training, career counseling, nursing and vocational training, and work readiness training. Service Area: Pulaski County.

12 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

Grantee: Arkansas Disability Coalition
Little Rock, Arkansas

Term: 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$35,000.00

Sub-Grant # ~~4600055913~~

Fund Source: State – 100%

Purpose:

Amend. #: A01

Amend. Amt.: \$17,500.00

Amend to extend and add annual funding amount to continue funding the Arkansas Disability Coalition's Project Delivery on Chronic Care. Service Area: Statewide.

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13 Agency: Human Services Department/Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

Grantee: Arkansas Disability Coalition
Little Rock, Arkansas

Term: 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

Selection: Solicited Proposal

Cost: \$126,450.00

Sub-Grant # 4600054583

Fund Source: State – 100%

Purpose: Amend to extend and add annual funding amount to continue funding the Family 2 Family Health Information Center.
Amend. #: A01 **Amend. Amt.:** \$63,225.00

Service Area: Statewide.

AID (0425) Grant For Review

March 25, 2025

Contract #: 4600053331

Vendor: Future Builders Inc.

Additional Contract Amount: 10,500

Type of award: Discretionary

Contract Term: 06/01/2023 – 05/31/2028

Total Projected Cost: 100,000

Contract Summary: Adding \$10,500 to contract to pay year 2 amount due to subgrantee. The purpose of this agreement is to educate Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers in the respective service areas of the subgrantee with the message of Medicare and Medicaid fraud prevention and awareness. Activities can include community 'fraud awareness' meetings and distribution of materials, Medicare/Medicaid fraud prevention presentations to large and/or small groups, media outreach, and hosting exhibit booths at local events, etc. Agreement has been made by subgrantees to recruit and train volunteers in their respective areas to conduct these same activities.



Hugh McDonald
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Alan McClain
COMMISSIONER,
ARKANSAS INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT

March 31, 2025

Senator Kim Hammer
Representative Aaron Pilkington
Co-Chairs, JBC PEER Review Subcommittee

Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Pilkington:

Upon review of the Senior Medicare Patrol Discretionary grants, AID discovered a potential audit finding and AASIS misconfiguration pertaining to discretionary grants and subgrantee agreements.

Subchapter 22 of the Financial Management guide (Review of Discretionary Grants 19-4-2201(b) & (c)) requires state agencies to submit discretionary grants ten thousand dollars or more to Legislative Council, or the Joint Budget Committee during legislative session, for review prior to award.

In September 2023, AID created a subgrantee agreement in AASIS in the amount of \$20,000 to be awarded to Future Builders Inc. to provide fraud prevention and awareness activities to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. These activities include, but are not limited to, community 'fraud awareness' meetings, distribution of materials, Medicare fraud prevention presentations, media outreach etc. This subgrantee agreement fell under the Senior Medicare Patrol grant, which was approved by ALC on May 2023, (continuation June, 2023).

Under normal circumstances, a trigger in AASIS will alert agencies that the review process is required for an item when the entry is created, and the system will prevent further action from being taken on without review. Here, however, the AASIS system did not provide a review flag. Accordingly, AID at the time did not question whether the review process was necessary, and no system restriction was placed on this activity. In March 2024, AID created a purchase order in AASIS pursuant to the September 2023 agreement and sent it to the subgrantee. Payment was made to the subgrantee in June of that year. In December, while working on a discretionary grant for a different program, we discovered that the prior subgrantee agreement had not been through the review process.

Upon discovery of this error, AID immediately submitted a memo to Arkansas Legislative Audit self-reporting the year 1 discretionary grant being awarded and paid without approval of ALC PEER. AID also contacted the subgrantee that no further work can be performed for year 2. After reviewing of the data submitted by the subgrantee for year 2, AID has determined have an outstanding obligation to the subgrantee of approximately \$10,500 for work performed. AID has not paid any invoices to the subgrantee for year 2. We respectfully request approval of the year 2 funding. AID is also working on implementing additional steps to ensure this doesn't happen in the future. It is our belief that these actions demonstrate a willingness to proactively take corrective action, inform the appropriate parties, and ensure that the circumstances which led to this event are not repeated.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan McClain".

Alan McClain
Arkansas Insurance Commissioner
Department of Commerce

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Caldwell, Arkansas Legislative Audit
FROM: Mary Davis, CFO Arkansas Insurance Department
DATE: 02/19/2025
RE: Arkansas Insurance Department – Self-Report Potential Audit Finding

In the interest of transparency, the Arkansas Insurance Department (“AID”) is reporting a potential audit finding and AASIS misconfiguration pertaining to discretionary grants and subgrantee agreements.

Subchapter 22 of the Financial Management guide (Review of Discretionary Grants 19-4-2201(b) & (c)) requires state agencies to submit discretionary grants ten thousand dollars or more to Legislative Council, or the Joint Budget Committee during legislative session, for review prior to award. This requirement extends to subgrantee agreements where the main grant has already been reviewed and approved.

In September 2023, AID created a subgrantee agreement in AASIS in the amount of \$20,000 to be awarded to Future Builders Inc. to provide fraud prevention and awareness activities to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. These activities include, but are not limited to, community ‘fraud awareness’ meetings, distribution of materials, Medicare fraud prevention presentations, media outreach etc. This subgrantee agreement fell under the Senior Medicare Patrol grant, which was approved by ALC on May 2023, (continuation June, 2023).

Under normal circumstances, a trigger in AASIS will alert agencies that the review process is required for an item when the entry is created, and the system will prevent further action from being taken on that item without review. Here, however, the AASIS system did not provide a review flag. Accordingly, AID at the time did not question whether the review process was necessary, and no system restriction was placed on this activity.

In March 2024, AID created a purchase order in AASIS pursuant to the September 2023 agreement and sent it to the subgrantee. Once again, no review flag or restrictions were triggered. Payment was made to the subgrantee in June of that year. In December, while working on a

discretionary grant for a different program, I discovered that the prior subgrantee agreement had not been through the review process and immediately began working on remedying the error.

AID is in the process of submitting a memo to the chairs of the JBC – PEER subcommittee to apprise them of the situation and has alerted the subgrantee that no further work can be performed until we receive proper review and approval through JBC – PEER. AID is also working on implementing additional steps to ensure this doesn't happen in the future. It is our belief that these actions demonstrate a willingness to proactively take corrective action, inform the appropriate parties, and ensure that the circumstances which led to this event are not repeated.